

Without truly independent media, there can be no democracy. Further consolidation of the media into the hands of fewer and fewer corporations is a grave subversion of our democratic ideals. Citizens need to hear opposing views and in-depth reporting by true investigative journalists. We need locally owned and operated radio and television stations that respond to local events and offer a voice to local listeners and viewers. I want more local, independent media choices, not more Clear Channel and Fox. I urge this Commission to postpone the June 2, 2003 vote to allow more time for the public to gather information and comment, and ultimately to reject these rule changes.